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What doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?—*Micah vi, 8.*

A Service of Humiliation and Prayer

Thursday,
February 23, 1899

Program Adopted by

WOMAN'S HOME MISSION SOCIETIES

OF VARIOUS EVANGELICAL DENOMINATIONS:

Congregational, Presbyterian, Baptist, M. E. Church South, Methodist Episcopal, Etc.

and kingdom that will not serve the Lord shall perish," and no exception has been made in favor of the United States. Calling to repentance is not so pleasant as inviting to thanksgiving and gladness, but it is quite as important. Jonah proved to be Nineveh's best friend. No greater work can be done by the Woman's Home Missionary Societies than to awaken the Church and people to consider the prevailing iniquities of the land, and incite to earnest endeavor for their suppression. Women constitute more than two-thirds of the membership of the Church, and are largely responsible for its success or failure in bringing the world to God.

Our magnificent church edifices, costly equipments, and millions of members, are bringing small returns for the number of laborers and the amount of capital invested. On this day of confession and prayer we should thoughtfully inquire why these things are so.

Much is now said about the brotherhood of man. But is it not time to give special emphasis to the sisterhood of woman? Women are drifting farther apart than are men, and too often is money, and not character, made the basis of social distinction. Are Christian women always as thoughtful of the poor and neglected, the strangers, and even the bad, as we should be, not only to relieve their physical necessities, but to show little kindnesses and courtesies which cost so little and mean so much to the poor and discouraged? There is more suffering in our land to-day from want of sympathy and kindness than from hunger and cold. Woman's influence should be a power for good, and against evil, not only in the home and society and the Church, but in the press, the school, and in national affairs.

Hymn.—"There 's a wideness in God's mercy."

Responsive Bible Reading.

Leader—He that covereth his sins shall not prosper, but who so confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.

Response—Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

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Response—If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Leader—If my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked way,

Response—Then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins, and will heal their land.

Leader—Take my yoke upon you and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly of heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Response—Whosoever, therefore, shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Leader—Whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased, and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

Response—Better it is to be of an humble spirit with the lowly than to divide the spoil with the proud.

Leader—Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

Response—For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think.

All—Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding.

Hymn.—"My faith looks up to Thee."

Short Talks or Papers.—On any of the following subjects:

Sin, the great destroyer of nations and individuals.
Sabbath desecration.
Intemperance and the liquor-traffic.
Political corruption.
Oppression of the poor and helpless.
Covetousness.
Pride. Wordliness. Selfishness. Dishonesty.
The neglect of the duties of Christian citizenship. Buried talents.

Responsive Reading.

Leader—Humility is the guardian of all virtues.—*St. Bernard.*

Response—It is no great thing to be humble when you are brought low; but to be humble when you are praised is a great and rare attainment.—*St. Bernard.*

[The Recessional was written to turn a mighty nation from jubilation to sudden prayer and introspection, and is appropriate for us at this time of triumph.]

Leader—

God of our fathers, known of old,
Lord of our far-flung battle-line,
Beneath whose awful hand we hold
Dominion over palm and pine;
Lord God of hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget, lest we forget.

Response—

The tumult and the shouting dies;
The captains and the kings depart;
Still stands thine ancient sacrifice,
An humble and a contrite heart;
Lord God of hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget, lest we forget.

—*Rudyard Kipling.*

Hymn.—"Just as I am."

Prayer and testimony.

Responsive Scripture Reading.

Leader—Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Response—The Lord is nigh all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.

Leader—The effectual, fervent prayer of the righteous man availeth much.

Response—My grace is sufficient for thee, for my strength is made perfect in weakness.

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All—Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.

All—God be merciful unto us and bless us, and cause his face to shine upon us.

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Benediction.